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Radar Station

1. In early July 1952, a Soviet radar station, with 40 Soviet operators and 20 Chinese Communist guards and equipped with one radar set, two radio sets, two wireless telephones, and two trucks, was 300 yards north of Puch'ang-ni<sup>1</sup> (125-36, 39-08) (YD-2534). The station maintained contact with Sinuiju, T'aech'on (125-30, 39-55) (YE-1421), and Namsi (124-36, 39-54) (XE-3717). Supplies for the station were transported from Sinuiju.

Anti-Aircraft Units

2. In June a Soviet anti-aircraft unit, numbering 250 men wearing Chinese Communist army uniforms and equipped with 20 Stalin type anti-aircraft guns, 1 searchlight, 2 jeeps, and 4 trucks, was 300 meters southeast of the Sinuiju railroad station (124-24, 40-06) (XE-1939). The guns were emplaced in trenches on an athletic field, but were not camouflaged. Seven Soviet soldiers were assigned to each gun.
3. Each day around 4 p.m. approximately 100 Soviets, who called themselves Mongolian troops and did not associate with the local Koreans, were observed across the Yalu River from Sinuiju in Antung<sup>2</sup> in an area which included three

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tents used for storage. Koreans were not permitted to go near the area.

4. In June a Soviet anti-aircraft unit, numbering approximately 15 men who wore Chinese Communist army uniforms and were armed with two anti-aircraft guns, was 9 kilometers southeast of Uiju (124-32, 40-12) (XE-3051) on the North side of a reservoir at approximately 124-38, 40-10 (XE-4047).
5. In late June approximately one battalion of a Soviet anti-aircraft unit was on a hill facing Ch'ongjin (129-49, 41-47) (EB-6826) harbor.

#### Soviet Katyusha Gun Unit

6. In mid-March 1952, a Soviet unit, numbering approximately 200 men and equipped with twenty Katyusha guns,<sup>3</sup> arrived at the North Korean army advanced headquarters at Hoeyang (127-37, 38-42) (CT-8084) from T'unghua, Manchuria. Five or six of the guns were emplaced on a mountain near Hoeyang and others were deployed along the eastern and central Korean fronts.
7. The Katyusha guns, which had nine rocket tubes<sup>3</sup> each, and contained radio transmitters and receivers, were self-propelled and had an effective firing range of 10 kilometers. The explosive force of a rocket fired from the gun scorches an area 100 meters in diameter. Underneath each gun was a detonating mechanism which could be used to destroy the gun in case there was danger of its being captured.
8. Each gun was manned by 10 men including a driver and radio operators. All personnel in the unit were Soviet officers who were not wearing the insignia of their rank. Their uniforms were identical with the Chinese Communist army uniforms except for Soviet boots.

#### Soviet Naval Personnel

9. In late June Soviet naval personnel were billeted in the former Japanese customs office in Ch'ongjin.

1.   Comment.   a Soviet radar station north of Puch'ang-ni which is presumably the one referred to here.

2.   Comment. It is not clear whether or not these Soviets are members of the anti-aircraft unit 300 meters southeast of the Sinuiju railroad station.

3.   Comment. The Soviet 132-mm. rocket launcher, M-13, fires 16 rockets a maximum range of 9,700 yards, and is possibly the one referred to here. In the Soviet army a battalion of 12 M-13 rocket launchers has 200 men and is organized into 4 battalions. There is no information available on a rocket launcher which fires 9 rockets.

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